formally accepted by the appointing Authority before such panels can be put into operation.

(iii) These two panels are in the process of being finalised in consultation with UPSC. A Notification will be issued soon after the finalisation of panels.

Anomaly Committee of DOP and T

590. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anomaly Committee of the DOP and T, constituted on 24th August, 1999 was required to submit its report within one year of its constitution, as per DOP&T OM No. 19/1/97-JCA dated 6th February, 1998;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said Commitee has not even completed its deliberations on the subjects projected before it;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) action taken/proposed to be taken to ensure finalization of the recommendations of the anomalies Committee within a time-bound period of next 1-2 months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Committee has not been able to complete its task on account of delay in receiving anomalies from the staff side and the time taken in getting comments from the respective Ministry. The Commitee is taking necessary action for finalizing its recommendations at the earliest.

Performance criteria for States Annual Plans

591. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enforce the performance criteria at the time of finalizing the States annual plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has finalized terms and conditions for linking the release of funds with the performance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the States signing memorandum of understanding with the Central Government to enforce fiscal discipline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Performance criteria are already built into the Gadgil Formula for allocation of Normal Central Assistance to States since they take into account the performance of States in fiscal management, tax effort, progress in national objectives *i.e.* population control, elimination of illiteracy, on-time completion of Externally-aided Projects (EAPs) and Land Reforms. The performance of States in the realisation of plan targets is also monitored through official level discussions with the States, visits of the Commission to the States, and in discussions between Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Ministers of States. In addition, the release of Central Assistance to States for Plan projects/programmes are based on the Utilisation Certificates and Progress Reports.

(e) The States which have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) for Fiscal Reforms during 1999-2000 are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh.

Employment policies

592. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia to took into the employment policies;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, what are its major findings and recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN